

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
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Request for Proposal (RFP) STAGEnet Transport Services RFP Number 112-0502 was issued by the Information Technology Department of the State of North Dakota on July 8, 2005.

The following vendors submitted proposals in response to the RFP for the Internet Services:

Dakota Carrier Network
P.O. Box 2484
Fargo, ND 58108

Qwest
220 North 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Sprint
12524 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, VA 20196

A committee evaluated the proposals based upon the criteria stated in the RFP to select the Offeror that submitted the most advantageous proposal. We announce our intent to award a contract to **Sprint**.

The successful Offeror is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter into subcontracts relating to the project until both the recipient and the State sign the contract.

An Offeror may protest this Notice of Intent to Award by submitting a written protest to the procurement officer within seven calendar days after the date of this notice.

On behalf of the Information Technology Department, thank you for your efforts in preparing a proposal in response to this solicitation. We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of North Dakota, and your company will remain on our Offerors list for any future solicitations of a similar nature.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (701) 328-1002.

Sincerely,

Brandy Peterson

Procurement Officer